

The nice young man and his bride who had come to our town	13
were very hopeful that he would land a good job at the local mail order	26
house. When he returned so quickly from his interview to their hotel,	40
the bride was much worried. But she merely asked him, in a quiet	53
voice, what had happened at the interview. He told her everything that	68
had taken place.	72
Almost the first thing that the company officials wanted to	86
know was how much money he could invest. When he told them of his	99
small savings, they said that the amount would not be enough. So he	113
said that he would like to think over the matter. On his way back to the	127
hotel, he thought this way: If this big company was interested in his	141
small change, they must be in pretty bad shape, and he would be better	154
off if he got a job in some other place. So that is what he decided to do.	168
Jack – that is what his friends called him – did not seem	171
pessimistic about the situation nor was he discouraged by his failure to	186
land this particular job. If anything, he looked relieved that he had	200
avoided the connection. He proposed that they eat and retire early so	215
that he could get a good night’s rest and be refreshed to start out in the	229
morning. He was confident that he could find something to do very	243
soon.	245
The next morning he was up bright and early and left the hotel	270
just as the sun was casting its first rays on the river. He did not stop to	285
order his breakfast, such was his hurry. This latter piece of information	298
is important, because if Jack has paused for breakfast at the hotel	312
dining room, his whole life might have been quite different.	326